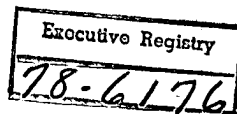


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Admiral Stansfield Turner  
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Dear Admiral:

I hope I can enlist you in a project I believe to be of the first importance -- an examination of the current status of our traditional rights and immunities in a time when the individual seems to have become something of an endangered species.

We have scheduled a major national convocation in Washington December 7-8 as a living memorial to Justice William O. Douglas. The enclosed draft program represents the selection of participants by a distinguished steering committee chaired by Clark Clifford, Abe Fortas, David Ginsburg and Cathleen Douglas. You are the unanimous choice to deliver a principal address at the session on the afternoon of Thursday, December 7.

The title, FREEDOM AND THE INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES, is, I think, self-explanatory. We would like you to develop this theme in any fashion you see fit, in an address of about thirty minutes. Appearing with you would be Professor Thomas I. Emerson of Yale, who no doubt would offer a somewhat different view -- although we do not see this as anything approaching a formal debate. The two addresses would be followed by wide-ranging discussion with the listed panelists.

The enclosed brochure will provide background on the Douglas project. I am also enclosing a list of twelve background articles being prepared by a Board of Review made up of leading legal authorities, most of whom are former clerks to Justice Douglas. This constitutes an appraisal of current intrusions into areas of human thought and conduct traditionally considered immune. These papers should be available by mid-October.

I hope you will agree that this is an undertaking of the first importance. I join with the steering committee in feeling that your presence is critical to the success of this first convocation. I am looking forward to your favorable reply.

Sincerely,

Maurice Mitchell  
President